

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2008 BUDGET

DEPT: ETHICS BOARD

UNIT NO. 1905
FUND: General - 0001

OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

On February 11, 1975, the County Board of Supervisors created Chapter 9 of the Milwaukee County Ordinances. This chapter establishes a Code of Ethics (Section 9.05) and an Ethics Board (Section 9.07) which shall adopt guidelines and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of the ordinance. The Board consists of six residents of Milwaukee County appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board. The

County Executive appoints, subject to confirmation by the County Board, an Executive Director who shall perform such duties as the Board assigns to him/her. The County Board shall provide such additional personnel as may be required in the administration of this chapter.

BUDGET SUMMARY				
Account Summary	2006 Actual	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2007/2008Change
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$ 39,968	\$ 46,762	\$ 50,606	\$ 3,844
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	0	0	0	0
Services	8,112	9,345	3,017	(6,328)
Commodities	724	981	981	0
Other Charges	0	0	0	0
Debt & Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Capital Contra	0	0	0	0
County Service Charges	1,822	2,426	2,393	(33)
Abatements	(307)	(102)	0	102
Total Expenditures	\$ 50,319	\$ 59,412	\$ 56,997	\$ (2,415)
Direct Revenue	3,038	0	0	0
State & Federal Revenue	0	0	0	0
Indirect Revenue	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	\$ 3,038	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Direct Total Tax Levy	47,281	59,412	56,997	(2,415)

MISSION

The Milwaukee County Ethics Board assures compliance with the requirements of the Ethics Code pursuant to Chapter 9, Milwaukee County Ordinances, and reviews, investigates and hears, as needed, all verbal and written complaints of ethics code violations.

OBJECTIVES

- Ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of County government.
- Respond to County Employees to make sure that they are confident that they comply with the Ethics Code.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal Services expenditures without fringe benefits increase by \$3,844, from \$46,762 to \$50,606. This amount represents 25% of the cost of the 2.5 FTE that staff the Personnel Review Board and which is charged to the Ethics Board. The Executive Secretary of the PRB also functions as Executive Director of the Ethics Board. The increase in Personal Services costs reflects wage adjustments and the addition of a 0.50 FTE Administrative Intern at the PRB.
- Expenditures for Services decrease by \$6,328, from \$9,345 to \$3,017, due to reduced legal fees.
- In Org. 1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies, \$200,000 is specifically reserved for implementing recommendations of the Code of Ethics Study Committee should those

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recommendations be approved by the County Board and require additional expenditures in 2008.

- All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred

against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severely liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."